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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE GWON HUI GYONG

- 1. NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE GWON HUI GYONG ARRIVED IN STOCKHOLM ON JUNE 26, PREPARATORY TO PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS TO KING GUSTAF VI ADOLF ON JUNE 28. SWEDEN WILL BE A SIDE ACCREDITIATION TO GYONG WHO IS NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW. KING WILL ALSO RECEIVE CREDENTIALS FROM AMBASSADORS OF RUANDA AND GUATEMALA.
- 2. KING IS USUALLY NOT BOTHERED WITH SUCH CHORES DURING SUMMER MONTHS. WHILE PROTOCOL OFFICER OF MFA WOULD NTO ADMIT FACT OF COURSE, IT APPEARS TO US THAT UNSEASONAL SCHEDULING OF RECEPTION WAS DONE AS A GESTURE TO NORTH KOREANS. SWEDEN IS FIRST WESTERN COUNTRY TO RECEIVE AN AMBASSADOR FROM NORTH KOREA.
- 3. NEWSPAPER STORY ANNOUNCING GYONG'S ARRIVAL NOTED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT HE WAS DIVISION CHIEF IN NORTH KOREAN FORNMIN IN 1956 AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN 1965. HE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW SINCE 1972.

- 4. MISSION IN STOCKHOLM WILL REPORTEDLY BE HEADED UP BY PACK KI SON AS CHARGE D' AFFAIRES, WHO HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE NORTH KOREAN TRADE MISSION IN STOCKHOLM.
- 5. ON HIS ARRIVAL GYONG REPORTEDLY MADE STATEMENT EXPRESSING HIS PEOPLE'S "APPRECIATION FOR SWEDEN'S SYMPATHETIC POSITION TOWARD THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S FREEDOM FIGHT." HE ALSO ADDED THAT HE HOPED FOR "WIDENED COOPERATION IN ALL AREAS." OLSEN

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